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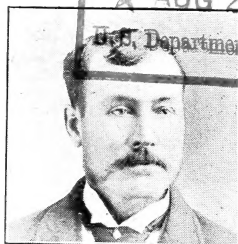
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The
**Riverside Nursery
and Fruit Farm**

Glenham, South Dakota

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CATALOGUE 1908-9

INTRODUCTION

IN presenting this, our first Catalogue, and only Salesman, I wish to say some important things to you. Our Nursery is located 5 miles northwest of Glenham, in Walworth Co., South Dakota, on a plateau 600 feet above the level of the Old Missouri, on the very highest elevation and about 200 feet above the famous Blue Blanket Valley, lying off to the east, just at the head of a big draw.

The river makes a horse shoe bend around us, being 10 miles to it, either north, west or south, and 4 miles to the Blue Blanket. This fact removes the climatic conditions at least 300 miles to the north, and in view of this I want to say, I am not intending to quote prices to compete with trees grown on the river bottoms or in Southern Nurseries, for this is a dryer climate, and my prices represent just what it costs to grow them here without irrigation and a scanty rain fall. But they are worth to the planter all we ask. We guarantee them to be number 1, and in first-class condition when shipped, and will replace any that fails to grow at half the original price, provided they are cared for as per instructions.

Trees True to Name

While we exercise ourselves to the utmost to have our trees true to name, it is mutually understood and agreed that we will only be liable to the extent of the original price of the trees that should by mistake prove untrue. And it is further agreed that we will not be liable for damages incurred by delays or carelessness of railroad companies while they are shipping them. All claims for shortage or of any kind must be made within ten days of receipt of trees, and claims for replacement must be made on or before August 1, next after setting.

Cash Must Accompany Order

The cash must accompany all orders, but we will book early orders if one-fourth of the cash accompanies the order, but must all be received before shipment. Unless otherwise instructed, we will in extreme cases substitute, in case we are out of one or two varieties, and have something equally as good and hardy of the same kind.

The Way We Ship

We will ship by mail, freight or express as instructed, except in case of strawberry or other tender plants, which, unless it is a very short distance, we will ship by express or mail.

Discounts on Quantities

Will give 5 at 10 rates; 50 at 100, and 500 at 1000. Prices are quoted on stock f. o. b. at home station. We have no room for testimonials and no disposition to give them. We are always glad to hear from our friends, but don't care to parade their praise before the public. We have no premiums to offer and nothing to give away, but will give you the very best trees for the price you can buy anywhere, and if your order amounts to \$15.00, we will give 5 per cent discount, and 7½ per cent for a \$25.00 order, and you can take this discount and buy a premium if you want it. Send us a list of wants for large amounts and we will quote you a special price. We can supply many varieties and sizes not mentioned here for want of room. Will not attempt to give many descriptions as we will be obliged to be brief.

We Build on Merit Only

We expect to continue to build up our business entirely on the merits of our stock and honest, fair dealing with our customers, and would respectfully ask you for a share at least of your custom.

References

We would respectfully invite you to a most rigid investigation of our reputation by referring you to any banker, business man, postmaster or citizen that you know of any where that knows us.

In Ordering

Be sure to write your name, postoffice and station plainly, and state how far you are from railroad and how you want them shipped.

Send money by postoffice money or express money order or bank draft at our risk, and don't ask us to trust you, as we pay cash and must have it. Have had 20 years' experience in South Dakota in the tree business and will be glad to give you all the information we can if you ask for it, how to plant and care for trees in groves, orchards or lawns, and what are the best for either.

We Buy

We want to buy all kinds of tree seeds and river pulled cottonwood seedlings. Will pay cash or exchange for anything that we want that you have to sell. Let us hear from you in some way.

See our ad. for full blood Duroc Jersey hogs and fancy poultry. Don't fail to set that low, wet place in your field to white or gray willow cuttings, with four or five rows of Golden and Diamond willows a little further up around them, and grow fence posts instead of wheat.



THE APPLE

King of Fruits



Florence

We offer only the hardiest and best tested varieties. Summer, Duchess, hardy, early, sure bearer, prized for cooking. Yellow Transparent, pale yellow, excellent quality, bears young, 3 and 4 years. Tetofska, medium size, round, yellow striped.

Fall, 1st, Wealthy, hardiest of all, fine tree, large fruit, good bearer, color crimson. Next best, N. W. Greening, pale surfaced, excellent. Patten's Greening, Peerless, Hibernial, Harry Caump, Malinda and the Iowa Blush is good, and the Bismark is an excellent early fruiting, often the first year, stocky, dwarf tree, large handsome fruit, good for cooking and will keep well into winter.

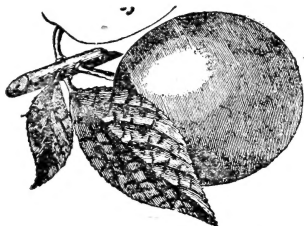
Crabs, the leading varieties, Hyslop, Florence, Whitney No. 20, Lyman's Prolific, Yellow Siberian, and many others are hardy here. Ask for others that you want.

Prices on Apples and Crabs

3 to 4 feet, 20 cents; 4 to 5 feet, 25 cents; 5 to 6 feet, 30 cents; 6 to 7 feet, 35 cents each. All fruit trees are grafted.

All kinds of trees here grow stocky and straight, and it takes a 3-year-old tree to grade up to a 2-year-old river bottom or southern grown. Don't fail to plant an orchard and grow your own fruit.

PLUMS



This is one of the most important and surest hardy fruits for the Dakotas, both the native and domestic.

Wolf Plum

We have for our foundation scion orchard of three acres, 43 varieties of apples and crabs, and 18 of plums, and 7 of cherries. Some of the apples, about 30 of the plums, and all of the Compass, Sand and Rocky Mountain Cherries, will fruit this coming season.

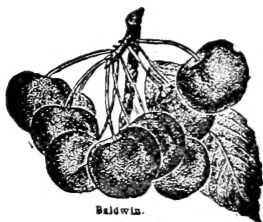
We have all of the old standard and some of the new and Japan varieties. The best are DeSota, Hawkeye, Forest Garden, Minor, Cheny, Terry, Wild Goose, Stoddard and the Surprise, one of the best. Have the Abundance and Burbank of the Japan varieties, all grafted fruit.

Prices on Plums

3 to 4 feet, 30 cents each; 4 to 5 feet, 35 cents; 5 to 6 feet, 40 cents; 6 to 7 feet, 45 cents. Seedling, both wild and tame seed, also Choke Cherry and Buffalo Berry seedlings, 2 feet, 10 cents; 3 feet, 15 cents; 4 feet, 20 cents each. June Berry, 18 inch, 15c; 2 foot, 20c.

You are losing time and money if you defer planting a plum grove any longer, and don't leave out the Buffalo and Choke Cherry, and the June Berry, best of all native shrub berries. They make fine jellies and are sure bearers.

CHERRIES



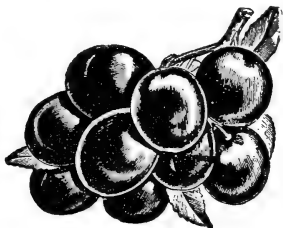
We pass by the peach and the pear and advise the farmer to devote his time to the apple, plum and other fruits that he has more promise of success with. I have a few pears and will test both and report later. and if successful will have and recommend them.

We believe the cherry is all right, and have the English Moraello, Baldwin, Early Richmond and Oesthem to offer, and recommend them as the best, hardy variety. The cherry is a fine ornamental tree either for the orchard, lawn, street or shade tree.

Prices on Cherries

3 to 4 feet, 40 cents each; 4 to 5 feet, 45 cents; 5 to 6 feet 50 cents; 6 to 7 feet, 55 cents each.

The Compass Cherry (or plum, rather) is one of the hardiest and best growers and fruits annually after first year. The Rocky



Dwarf Rocks Mountain.

Mountain, a dwarf of stocky growth and large, round head, very ornamental and a profuse bearer. Good for pies and cherry wine. Price, 2 feet, 20 cents each; 3 feet, 25 cents. Compass same price as the standard varieties.

The Sand Cherry is a shrub, quite large, black berry, good for sauce, and a prolific fruiter, perfectly hardy. Price, 18 inch, 15 cents each; 24 inch, 20 cents.

We furnish an Inspection Certificate with each shipment. See certificate in last part of catalogue. Don't fail to ask for what you want that is not listed here.

Currant and Gooseberries

The Currants and Gooseberries are perfectly hardy in the Dakotas, as is well attested by the native varieties along the rivers.

We have two native yellow currants. One I discovered on an island 2 miles above the new C. M. railroad bridge, on the Missouri River. It is almost a tree, quality and size of fruit about the same as the common white grape or Red Duck. Owing to its color of blossom and fruit, I have named it the "Equal Rights." Will have a few one year roots sprouts to sell at 50 cents each.

The other is a small fruit and bush similar to the common tame currants, is a profuse bearer and fine for sauce, is of a trailing habit of growth. It was discovered by Mr. Tom Tompson, near the Schnell Ranch, close to the Standing Rock Agency. I call it the "Suffrage" Currant. Will spare a few plants one year old at 40 cents each.

Prices on Gooseberries and Currants

I have all of the standard varieties and offer them at one year, 10 cents each; per dozen, \$1.00; two year, 15 cents each; per dozen, \$1.50. Best variety Red Duck, White Grape, North Star, Cherry Red, Victoria, Long Branch, Holland.

Gooseberries, one year, 15 cents; per dozen, \$1.50; two year, 20 cents; per dozen, \$2.00. Best variety Houtons and Dourings. Have other kinds. Ask for them and descriptions.

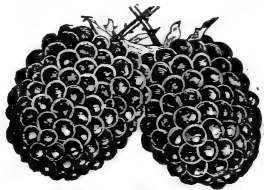
Strawberries and Raspberries



Strawberry Raspberry

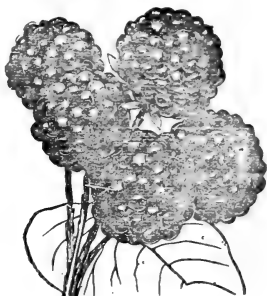
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Strawberries and Raspberries also grow in many places along the rivers and are all right here with winter protection. Plant them in the orchard or grove, and cultivate in summer and mulch with chaff straw in the winter.



London

The Bederwood, Crescent, Warfield, Dunlap & Wilson are the best strawberries. One dozen, 40 cents; per C, \$2.00.



Kansas

The best raspberries are the red varieties, such as Loudan, Turner, Cuthbert, Carolina, (a yellow variety) Columbian, Golden Queen. Prices, per dozen, 30 cents; per 100, \$2.50.

Black Caps

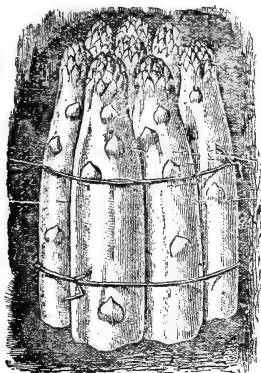
Gregg and Mammoth Cluster. Prices 10, cents, each; per C, \$2.50. Will give descriptions and instructions how to select varieties to those that ask for them. We also have the strawberry-raspberry, a cross or hybrid, and fine fruit, resembling both parents. One year plants, 10 cents each; per dozen, \$1.00.



Logan Berry.

The Logan Berry, a cross resembling the black and raspberry, hardy and fine fruit, but needs winter protection. Good strong plants, 15 cents each; \$1.50 per doz. Blackberries, Best Taylor, Stone's Hardy, Snyder, Rathburn, 10c. each, \$1.00 per doz.

Rhubarb and Asparagus



Columbian Mammoth White

Pieplant and Asparagus are two of the earliest fruits and vegetables, and both need plenty of manure, and the asparagus need salt, as it is a salt sea plant. Both are perfectly hardy. We have the Mammoth Pieplant one year, 10 cents; two years, 15 cents. The latter will be ready to use the second year. Old Stools, 25 cents each.

Conover's Colossal and Mammoth White. Price of one year roots, 25 cents per dozen; \$2.00 per 100.

Horse Radish roots the same price as above.

Grapes, like the Russian Mulberry, grow hardier here with age. Must be laid down and covered for winter. The best and the hardiest are the Concord, Moore's Early, Worden, Clinton and Niagara. One year plants, 15 cents each; two year, 25 cents each.

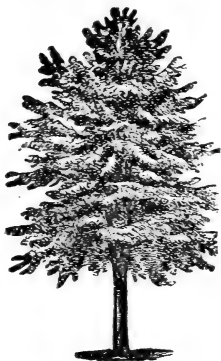
Fruit, Forest and Ornamental Trees



CUT-LEAVED WEEPING BIRCH

We make a specialty of Fruit, Forest and Ornamental trees. Roses and Flowering Shrubs, and are having success with them, and am convinced that no one need be without shade and fruit. We mention in order in point of hardiness and beauty, first of all for a permanent grove, is Ash, Box Elder, Soft Maple, Am. Elm, Hackberry, Honey Locust, and Silver Maple for shade trees. 3 to 4 feet, 15 cents, each; 4 to 6 feet, 25 cents; 6 to 7 feet, 35 cents. Am. Mountain Ash, also European, 3 to 4 feet, 35 cents each; 5 to 6 feet, 50 cents; Globe and Siber-

ian Maple, 2 to 3 feet, 50 cents each; 3 to 4 feet, 65 cents; 5 feet, 75 cents. Linden and European Larch, 3 to 4 feet 40 cents; 4 to 5 feet, 50 cents. Carolina, Norway and Silver Poplar, 3 to 4 feet, 20 cents; 4 to 5 feet, 25 cents; 5 to 6 feet, 30 cents. All shade and ornamental trees are transplanted.



SILVER-LEAF MAPLE.



Soft Maple.

WILLOWS

We have the Golden Rus, Laurel Leaved and Diamond. All of these are good and and very hardy, and make fine specimens for small shade or lawn tree if trained for it. Fine for post and wood. 3 to 4 feet, 15 cents each; 4 to 5 feet 20 cents; 5 to 6 feet, 25 cents. The white or gray is the best for very low, wet land, and will make wood and fence posts at 5 years from cutting. See price for cuttings.

We have the Niobe Weeping Willow, also the Siberian Pea Tree. 3 to 4 feet, 35 cents; 4 to 5 feet, 50 cents. Also the Wisconsin Weeping Willow. This latter must have protection here the first 2 years. For price see cuttings.

Crow white willow posts and wood where you can't grow wheat

Prices on Cuttings

Rus, Golden, Niobe and Wisconsin Weeping Willow, Balm of Gilead, Carolina, Norway and Silver Poplar and Diamond Willow, 8 to 12 inches long, tied up 100 in a bunch, \$1.00 a bunch.

White Willow, Russian Artimesia and Cottonwood cuts are tied up into bales that will make two or three hundred, cuttings \$1.00 per bale.

Forest Tree Seedlings, all Nursery grown except Cottonwood Seedlings, White Ash, 5 to 12 inches, 20 cents per C; per M, \$2.00; 10 to 18 inches, 50 cents per C; \$4.50 per M; 16 to 24 inches, \$1.00 per C; \$7.50 per M. Box Elder and Soft Maple, and Am. Elm, 5 to 12 inches, 25 cents per C; \$2.50 per M; 10 to 18 inches, 65 cents per C; \$6.00 per M. 16 to 18 inches, \$1.25 per C; \$10.00 per M. Rus. Mulberry, Hard Maple, Hackberry and Wild Black Cherry, 6 to 12 inches, 2½ cents each; \$2.00 per C.

I have Black Walnut, Butternut and some of the Oaks, but cannot advise transplanting. Better get the seed and plant where you want them. They are perfectly hardy and make a fine acquisition to a grove. Forest trees **must not be mulched** until they have had plenty of time to shoot their **roots deep down**, then the more mulching the better. Cultivate just as you would corn, from three to 5 years, according to quickness of growth. Cultivate all kinds of orchard trees for three years, and then seed to clover and cultivate close around tree—3 feet around, say from tree.

Cottonwood Seedlings, 6 to 12 inches, \$1.50 per M; 20 cents per C; 12 to 18 inches, 40 cents per C; \$3.50 per M; 18 to 24 inches, 75 cents per C; \$7.50 per M.

The Russian Olive is a fine dry land, single or Hedge Tree, resembling the Silver Maple. 12 to 18 inches, 15 cents each; 18 to 24 inches, 20 cents; 2 to 3 feet, 30 cents; 6 to 12 inches for Hedge, \$3.00 per C.



Hackberry

Hedge and Border Plants

We only mention a few. Write for what you want. Hardest here are Russian Mulberry, Russian Olive, Honey Locust, Buffalo Berry and Wild Plum for stock Hedge. For ornamentals, the Barberries take the lead here, and Arbor Vitae next, but the latter is not very hardy here. The Barberries are good for culinary purposes and make fine jellies and pies. Are also very fragrant and lovely in blossom and foliage.

The Purple, L. Green, Thumbergi and Armor strong plants. 6 to 12 inches, 10 cents, each; \$8.00 per C; 12 to 18 inches, 15 cents, each; \$12.00 per C. 2 to 3 foot for flowering single shrubs, 30 cents each.

The Rosa Rugosa make a lovely hedge for flower bed borders, or short walks. 2 year plants, 40 cents. Buckthorn, 12 to 18 inches, 15 cents, each; \$12.00 per C. Honeysuckle tree or Tartarean, 12 to 18 inches, 15 cents, each; \$12.50 per C. Japan Quince, 13 to 18 inch, 12 cents each; \$10.00 per C; 2 to 3 feet, 25 cents each. Have all sizes of these plants.

Golden and Cut Leaved Elder, 18 to 24 in., 30c. Red Fruited Elder, white flowers, 2 to 3 feet, 40 cents. Purple Leafed Fringe, (smoke tree) and White Fringe, 30 cents. each; 2 to 3 foot plants, Hydrangia Tree, 2 to 3 foot, 50 cents; 3 to 4 foot, 60 cents. Shrub, 2 year, 35 cents; Lilacs, Purple and White, common varieties, 18 to 24 inch, 30 cents. Japan Tree, 2 to 3 feet, 50 cents. Double Flowering Plum, 18 to 24 inches, 45 cents. Bectal's Flowering Crabs, 2 to 3 feet, 40 cents, each; 4 to 5 feet, 50 cents. Spira Vanhouti, 35 cents; Spira Antosey Ovatera, 35 cents. Japan Snowballs, 2 feet, 40 cents; Clematis Pamculata, 2 years, 35 cents; 3 year, good strong plants, 40 cents. Clematis, Jackmania, 40 cents each.

Roses



Moss Rose.

The loveliest and sweetest of all the flowering shrubs. We have a fine selection to offer, and while most of them require winter protection, we think they will repay us for

our trouble. Don't leave out the Rose. Take it into your parlor with this little salesman, our catalogue, and enjoy its sweet perfumes these long winter evenings, while you study and make out an order for spring planting.

Paul Neyron, Madam Planter, Crimson Rambler. Mrs. John Lang, La France, Yellow Rambler, Dorothy Perkins, Persian Yellow, Harrison's Yellow, Cinnamon, Prairie Queen, Seven Sisters, Baltimore Belle, Baby Rambler, White Moss Crested Moss, Pink Rambler, Empress of China, U. S. Grant. Strong young plants of any of the above mentioned varieties, 1 year, 25 cents; 2 year, 35 cents. If you want roses ask for descriptions, and we will be pleased to give them, and advise as to what ones are most likely to be hardy with you. Would be glad to comment here on their loveliness and fragrance, but are limited in space, and are obliged to leave out many varieties and sizes of trees and plants.

Ask for bulbs and house plants, and don't allow your tree seeds to go to waste. Write and tell us what you have, or can get perhaps it is just what we want and are short of, and the children can save them and have spending money.

Remember in buying of us you are not paying hotel and livery and bad whisky bills, or being bothered and hindered in your work by a smooth tongued agent. So treat us kindly and lay us on the shelf until you are at leisure, and then we will be pleased to do business with you.

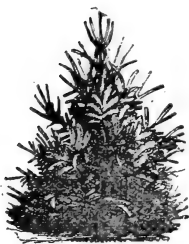
Inspection Certificate

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:--

This is to certify, that on the 31st day of October, 1907, I examined the nursery stock growing on the grounds of the Riverside Nursery and Fruit Farm, F. Thomas & Sons, Props., Glenham, S. D., and found no indication of the San Jose Scale, or other dangerous insects or plant diseases.

This certificate, unless revoked, is good for one year from date of inspection.

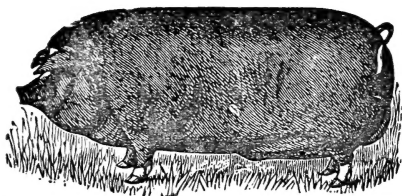
ROBERT MATHIESON,
State Entomologist.



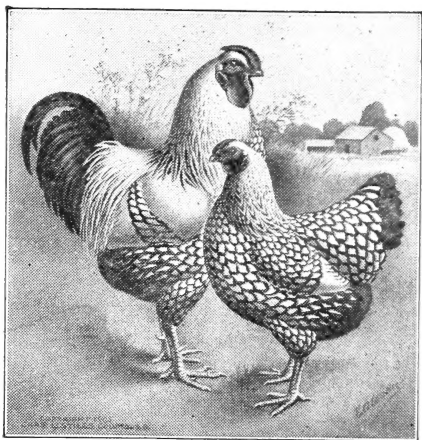
NORWAY SPRUCE.

Ever- greens

Many of them are perfectly hardy here, and if you and the man you buy of both know how to handle them and do it right they are hardy in the Dakotas. But a word of caution here I think proper and may save you dollars, and me a cussing (for short) Never buy seedlings. Always buy trees that have been transplanted once at least, and is not less than 4 inches unless you expect to shade them. Never expose the roots to the cold dry wind for one moment for the rosin in the root that the sap all passes through will set similar to the way cement does, only much quicker; and the tree is dead. When you receive them make a thick, clay puddle about the temperature of the air in the cellar or inclosed place, and open up in the shade and out of the wind, open up the roots and puddle them in, and when you plant, put them from this puddle into your pail that is half full of puddle clay, and have the hole ready when you take it out of the pail to put in, and then water. I only offer (2 sizes, 4 to 6 inches and 4 to 8) the very hardiest Blue Spruce, 4 to 6 inch, transplanted, 25 cents. 6 to 8 inch, 50 cents each. Douglass, Black Hills and White Spruce, 4 to 6 inch, transplanted, 15 cents each; 6 to 8 inch, 25 cents. Scotch, Norway and Ponderosa or Bull Pine, 4 to 6 inches, transplanted, 10 cents each; 6 to 8 inch, 5c.

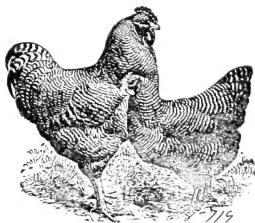


Hogs, Poultry and Trees go well together and we have decided to add them to our business, and have just received our first consignment, which contains some of the very best blood of the breed, and expect more soon to complete our foundation herd. What we have are descendants from Orion, Ohio Chief, and Cant Be Beat, the \$6,000 hog. Those three captured 95 per cent of all the prizes at the St. Louis Exposition, and they have the blood of Dan Pates, and top notcher, and what we expect yet, as well as these will be the best, regardless of prices. In selling we will be governed largely by thrift, weight and blood, and to some extent by the market price of common porkers. We will cull our pigs and offer for breeders nothing but the very best, and the culls will go to the butcher. We have no cholera here and have never had a sick hog on our place, and have raised hogs for the past ten years. We have studied the hog race and possibilities for the past six months, and have decided on the Duroc Jersey as the best general purpose hog, is the healthiest and freest from disease, is of a quiet disposition, feeding and thriving on almost any feed or pasture you give him, while others are rambling and snooping, and growing poor all the time, and squealing for something better. Prices and descriptions given on application. If you want the very best, don't fail to get them.



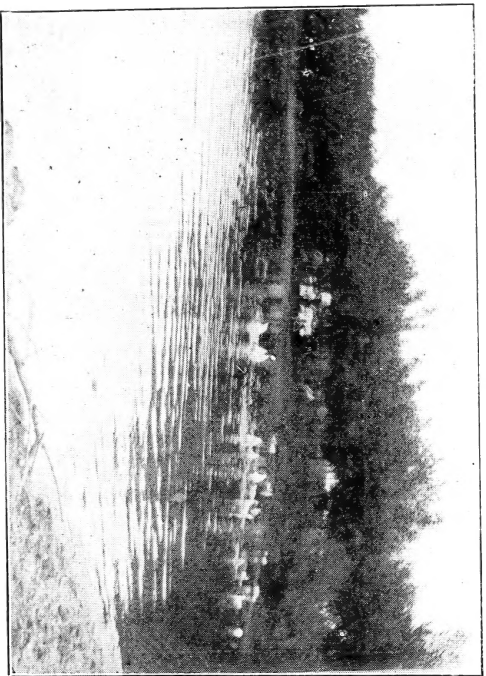
SILVER LACED WYANDOTTES

We have decided on the Pea Combed Barred Plymouth Rocks and the Silver Laced Wyandottes after consulting several authorities as well as the Bulletins from the U. S. Department and of several State's Experiment Stations, as the very best general purpose chicken for the farmer, especially in the northwest. We will have them and their eggs to offer in season and will give



PEA COMB BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS

descriptions and prices on application, and will guarantee them to be of the very best strains to be had at any price. If you want the best, let us hear your wants, and we will give them to you at right prices.



The Artificial
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